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**Negotiations Continue Following Bid Opening for
Aquarium Pier at Nags Head Construction**

ROANOKE ISLAND—Bids opened earlier this month for the construction of the new North Carolina Aquarium Pier at Nags Head exceeded the funding available for the pier project.

Six general contractors submitted bids, with the lowest bid coming from Clancy and Theys, a North Carolina company based in Raleigh.

“We are negotiating with Clancy and Theys to value-engineer and reduce construction costs for the project,” said David Griffin, director of the N.C. Aquariums. “Should we be unable to sufficiently reduce the construction cost of the project’s current design project, we will redesign and rebid the project.”

Griffin added, “We are committed to building a new pier on the site of the former Jennette’s Pier, and we remain optimistic about getting a contract for construction.”

The new state-operated Aquarium Pier at Nags Head will offer educational and recreational opportunities to further the Aquarium’s mission-inspiring appreciation and conservation of North Carolina’s aquatic environments.

Meanwhile, the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores is finalizing an agreement with the town of Emerald Isle for an aquarium pier there. The N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher and the town of Carolina Beach are also discussing a partnership to bring an Aquarium Pier to Carolina Beach.

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